

Commissioners,

I applaud your efforts of the ARRL to reinvigorate our hobby with the their current proposal for restructuring the licensing process and privileges granted to the various classes. I sincerely believe that it will have the desired effect. I would only suggest a few minor "tweaks" to the frequency allocation being proposed as listed on below in blue. I believe that in each case these suggestions will yield better results in "balancing the load" on the affected bands and better matching band plans in effect (or soon to take effect) elsewhere in the world.

On 80 and 15, we'll be adding a large number of new and existing Novices to the phone bands. It makes sense to expand the phone portions of these two bands accordingly. This should help to prevent unnecessary crowding on both bands. On 40, the recommended change should more closely match the new band plans following actions taken during WRC-03.

Again, I am extremely pleased with the ARRL's efforts on this project and believe that it is in the best interest of ham radio. These suggestions should not be taken as being critical. Far from it, they are intended to be considered constructive in nature.

Thanks for your consideration of these suggestions.

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#### **Proposed Phone/Image HF Subbands (Includes Novice Refarming Proposal)**

##### **80 Meters**

##### **Proposed Change**

Extra: 3.725-4.000 MHz (gain of 25 kHz)	3.700-4.000 Mhz
General: 3.800-4.000 MHz (gain of 50 kHz)	3.750-4.000 Mhz
Novice: 3.900-4.000 MHz (new)	

##### **40 meters**

Extra: 7.125-7.300 MHz (gain of 25 kHz)	7.100-7.300 Mhz
General: 7.175-7.300 MHz (gain of 50 kHz)	7.150-7.300 Mhz
Novice: 7.200-7.300 MHz (new)	

##### **15 meters**

Extra: 21.200-21.450 MHz (no change)	
General: 21.275-21.450 MHz (gain of 25 kHz)	21.250-21.450 Mhz
Novice: 21.350-21.450 MHz (new)	

##### **10 meters**

Extra and General: 28.300-29.700 MHz (no change)	
Novice: 28.300-28.500 MHz (no change)	

## **Proposed CW/Data-Exclusive HF Subbands (Includes Novice Refarming Proposal)**

### **80 meters**

#### **Proposed Change**

Extra: 3.500-3.725 MHz  
General: 3.525-3.725 MHz  
Novice: 3.550-3.700 MHz

3.500-3.700 Mhz  
3.525-3.700 Mhz

### **40 meters**

Extra: 7.000-7.125 MHz  
General: 7.025-7.125 MHz  
Novice: 7.050-7.125 MHz

7.000-7.100 Mhz  
7.025-7.100 Mhz  
7.050-7.100 Mhz

### **15 meters**

Extra: 21.000-21.200 MHz  
General: 21.025-21.200 MHz  
Novice: 21.050-21.200 MHz

### **10 meters**

Extra/General: 28.000-28.300 MHz  
Novice: 28.050-28.300 MHz